

Directions: Zambia to Pumulani via Dedza

DIRECTIONS FROM ZAMBIA TO PUMULANI (via Dedza)

GPS Coordinates: 14°6' 11.39" S 34°51' 43.27" E

Note: if using google maps please search for "Pumulani Luxury Beach Lodge - Robin Pope Safaris" Tel: +265 (0) 993 504 600 / +260 (0) 95 709 0441

Journey time – approximately 6 hours Distance – approximately 335km DIRECTED FROM MCHINJI/CHIPATA BORDER.

PLEASE NOTE Final dirt road to Pumulani is very bumpy – ideally use high clearance or 4x4 vehicles.

**Please remember to call and confirm your estimated time of arrival if you are running behind or ahead of schedule. **

BORDER INFORMATION

Zambian Customs and Immigration

Zambia registered cars are required to get Interpol clearance before crossing the border. This is only available at the Police station in Lusaka. It costs about US\$10. You will need to get a TEP (temporary export permit) for your vehicle. For this, you must produce your 'white book' (vehicle registration documentation). You are required to have third party insurance, which costs around US\$150 per year.

Malawian Customs and Immigration

You need a TIP (temporary import permit) from the Malawi Revenue Authority at the border which costs approximately MK5,000. Third party insurance is mandatory to be able to drive in Malawi and needs to either be displayed on the windscreen or be available to be shown to the Police if/when needed. Failure to produce TIP upon exit from Malawi may result in penalties/fine.

- From Mchinji border, continue straight until you reach Lilongwe, the Mchinji roundabout.
- Take the third exit on the roundabout and drive through town. You will pass Santa Plaza on your left.
- Continue down the hill.
- Go straight across the first and second traffic lights. You will come to a roundabout. Take the first exit.
- You are now driving through Area 2. You will pass a large mosque on your right. This road soon becomes the M1.
- Drive south on the M1 for approximately 100km.
- You will reach a permanent police roadblock. Continue straight.
- After the Bembeke Market you will see a sign for Golomoti.
- Turn left here onto the S217 pass. This will take you down a steep winding 29km road through the mountains.
- The Golomoti is a difficult road in the rainy season. We do not recommend doing it after or during rain.
- At the bottom of the hill you will come to a T-junction.

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- Turn right on to the M5 towards Blantyre/Balaka.
- After 1.3km turn left onto the S127 towards Monkey Bay There is an Energem petrol station on the left. (Look out for the railway tracks crossing the road. This railway is not functional but it's worth slowing to avoid damage to your car.)
- Drive approximately 60kms until you reach a T-junction.
- Turn left towards Monkey Bay (S128).
- After 5km turn left at the Energem filling station towards Cape Maclear. This is a dirt road.
- After 4km you will reach a crossroads where there is a Pumulani sign on the left of the 4-way crossing. Turn left.
- You will reach a fork in the road and a Pumulani sign. Keep right.
- ✤ Keep going until you see another fork in the road. Keep right again.
- Continue until you reach next Pumulani sign.
- The lodge is a further 800m up the hill.

